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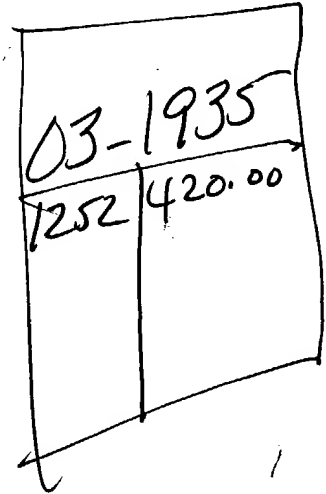


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
FRANÇOIS GUGUMUS
APPLICATION NO: 09/899,438
FILED: JULY 5, 2001
FOR: STABILIZER MIXTURES

Group Art Unit: 1714
Examiner: Margaret B. Medley

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office action mailed October 28, 2003.
The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response to expire on January 28, 2004.
A petition for one (1) month extension of time covers upto and including Monday, March 1st.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.

US 4,965,301

US 4,929,652

US 6,013,703

- References which show synergistic mixtures of hindered amines but which do not disclose or suggest the particular combination of the instant invention. Nor would it be obvious to combine the particular combination of the instant invention and achieve the unexpected results shown in the Declaration. In particular, Test II of the enclosed Declaration shows especially surprising results illustrating the synergism of combination of B-1-a-1 and B-7-a-1 with Mg stearate.

US 5,919,399

US 5,980,783

Reconsideration is requested in light of the amendment, enclosed Declaration and the remarks above.

Since there are no other grounds of objection or rejection, passage of this application to issue with claims 6-26 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure: 132 Declaration, petition for one month extension